(d) if not, what measures Government propose to take to expedite the clearance of such pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY) : (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Guidelines for handling bodies of AIDS patients

684. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry and the AIIMS have claimed that there were no guidelines for handling bodies of AIDS patients while there are explicit guidelines in a booklet titled "AIDS information for health workers for protection against AIDS" published in 1989 by the Central Health Education Bureau; and

(b) if so, whether it was a deliberate attempt to cover the lapses in handling the dead body of the Zimbabwean Diplomat or it was ignorance of the authorities with regard to the guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY) : (a) The Directorate General of Health Services has issued guidelines on infection control among Health Care Workers and setting up of AIDS units in Medical Colleges and Hospitals. Also guidelines for clinical management of HIV and AIDS cases were issued in 1988 to all the medical colleges and State Governments. These guidelines did not deal with procedures for handling the bodies of AIDS Central Health Education Bureau has also prepared the booklet for giving information for Health Care Workers for protection against AIDS. This booklet has been distributed to all State Governments.

(b) Report of the enquiry conducted by Senior doctors of All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Lady Hardinge Medical College revealed that there was no negligence on the part of doctors or any other staff at the AIIMS and LHMC in hanlding the body of Zambian Diplomat.

[685. *Transferred to the 27th March* 1990.]

Dr. S. A. Hussainy Committee on Westland Helicopters

686. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Dr. S. A. Hussainy Committee set up to examine the various operational and safety hazards of Westland Helicopters have since submitted its report to Government ;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof ; and

(c) what decision Government have taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) The Committee is due to submit its report by 31-3-90.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.